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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE

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EXDIS FOR SHERMAN FROM HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (FUKUDA, TAKEO)

SUBJECT: FUKUDA VISIT: APPOINTMENTS FOR USHIBA IN PORTLAND

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE CALLED FROM PORTLAND THIS EVENING AND ASKED THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM HIM BE DELIVERED TO MINISTER USHIBA PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY FROM TOKYO.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER: AFTER EXTENDED TALKS WITH GOVERNOR OF OREGON, MAYOR OF PORTLAND AND OTHER LEADING OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN, I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT FOR BETTER US-JAPAN RELATIONS AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING IF YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET SEPARATELY WITH BOTH GOVERNOR STROUB AND MAYOR GOLDSCHMIDT WHILE IN PORTLAND. THE GOVERNOR HAS REQUESTED THAT YOU CONSIDER RIDING IN FROM THE AIRPORT WITH HIM TO THE HOTEL IN PORTLAND. MAYOR GOLDSCHMIDT HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN TALKING WITH YOU EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE RECEPTION IN THE EVENING.

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3. THIS AREA OF THE COUNTRY HAS THE MOST FAVORABLE AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD JAPAN OF ANY AREA I HAVE VISITED AND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR TRIP. I BELIEVE THAT YOU, MINISTER USHIBA, ARE UNIQUELY ABLE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH

THESE IMPORTANT DEMOCRATIC OFFICE HOLDERS. PLEASE ALSO

BEAR IN MIND THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WILL BE VISITING PORT-
LAND ON MAY 4 AND THAT IMPORTANT POLICY DECISIONS CONCERN-
ING THE US TIMBER INDUSTRY ARE BEING CONSIDERED. I HOPE
THAT DESPITE THE FATIGUE FACTOR YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE
BOTH THESE IMPORTANT GENTLEMEN. WITH WARM PERSONAL RE-
GARDS. SIGNED, RICHARD HOLBROOKE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS. END QUOTE

4. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY
PROVIDE MINISTER USHIBA'S REACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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